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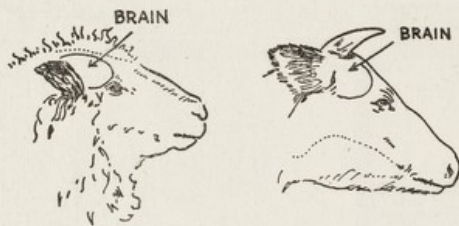
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DESTROY THE BRAIN (THE SEAT OF ALL PHYSICAL AND MENTAL SENSATION), BY AN INSTANTANEOUS METHOD, viz:- CAPTIVE-BOLT PISTOL, BEFORE THE ANIMAL ENTERS THE DRESSING HALL OF THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE



Please do not shelve this Vital Matter.

It would be a grievous state of affairs if New Abattoirs were erected and the above lines not adopted. Surely this is sufficiently vital to rank with many matters requiring reform which are receiving much consideration at present. It matters **much** to many thousands of sentient creatures **every day**. Our responsibility to them is great. It is the **least** and the **last** we can give these wretched ones, about to be slaughtered, for our needs. A.B.

*"New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
Who would keep abreast of Truth,
They must upward still and onward,
Nor attempt the Future's portal,
With the Past's blood-rusted Key."*
LOWELL.

Copies of this leaflet from ALFRED BRISCO, Organising Secretary,
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A VITAL ISSUE.

Living creatures, who are capable of experiencing pain and terror, meet their deaths by thousands every day in this Country. Cattle, sheep and pigs, all are born and reared for the sole purpose of ultimately being killed, under various conditions, mostly bad.

Under the present slaughtering arrangements, the majority of these hapless creatures experience much mental torture, and in many cases agony in their dying.

This welter of daily bloodshed **could** be conducted without the horror existing today in the bulk of our Slaughter Yards.

What, therefore, can we save these creatures? Is there the reasonable and compassionate **will** in our Country, to bring about speedy succour to them? Will there be forthcoming sufficient volume of effort from persons in authority, those holding Government and Local Council Offices?

If the whole matter were simply and reasonably placed before them (showing the wholly **unnecessary** fright and pain these sentient creatures are called upon to endure daily in their thousands, in the worst of our slaughterhouses), it is believed that once this is **realised**, red-tape, hair-splitting, obstructing and all unreasonable delays would be swept aside and these many blood-soaked, dirty, agonised corners of our House would be swilled clean and put in order.

We Can Save These Creatures :-

(a). The mental agony of being dragged into the slaughterhouse **alive**. Take only the case of cattle, the old method (in the majority of places) being to drag them in, by rope or chain—slipping and falling upon the blood-slippery floor—urged on by blows.

(b). From being slaughtered in the **sight of each other**. (Have you ever watched the eyes of animals waiting slaughter—when they are watching others being killed who have gone on before?)

(c). From the stench of blood and all the terrifying sights and sounds of the Dressing Hall. (This nightmare **can** all be saved them.)

(d). From inhumane methods of slaughter,—viz. the use of the knife without preparatory Stunning.

(e). From the use of any method of Stunning except a method which is at once **instantly destructive** to the brain (the seat of all sensation). The Captive-Bolt Pistol is the correct method to use, to ensure the instantaneous destruction of the brain.

(The damning objections to Electric Stunning are, the impossibility to **prove** it painless and instantaneous, and the fact that there is no evidence of its having been used unless a supervisor stands watching each animal slaughtered. There are other grave objections. See accompanying leaflet "Slaughterhouse Reform" which goes into this matter in detail.)

What Can We Give These Animals?

(a). On arrival at the Abattoir, clean comfortable quarters, (covered lairages adjoining the slaughterhouse).

(b). When the time for killing comes, the animal is decently driven along a passage, called the "Race" on the illustration on this leaflet. When it arrives at the end, which is the actual Stunning Pen, a gate (cut-off) is closed so that it cannot back out. The slaughter-man at the other side shoots the animal with the Captive Bolt Pistol, pulls a lever, which makes the Stunning Pen floor collapse and the **dead** animal rolls out into the Dressing Hall.

(c). In every case, whether the animal be horse, bullock, sheep or pig, the Captive Bolt Pistol to be used (see illustration on this leaflet), which is simply a Mechanical Pole-Axe—a sure, safe and fully proved humane method.

What therefore is the whole issue in a nut-shell?

Abolish all Private Slaughterhouses and Knackeryards. You cannot have **adequate supervision** of the above modern humane methods of **handling** in these private shambles. Erect centralised Abattoirs to cope with **all** animals. See to it that there is adequate modern equipment and the absolutely correct lay-out, to practise the "Race and Pen" method—leading from the lairages. Electric Stunning and all dubious methods to be **completely prohibited**. Every animal to be humanely destroyed with the Captive-Bolt Pistol. **Why** should any inhumane method be employed—or any method which cannot be **proved** humane—when there exists this proven method of instantaneous destruction.



PLAN SHOWING "RACE & PEN" WHICH PROVIDES THAT NO LIVE ANIMAL ENTERS THE DRESSING HALLS

